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SUBJECT: BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING: WAR RESERVE STOCKS

1. THE DRC STANDING SUB-GROUP REPORT THE "STATE AND LEVEL OF CURRENT WAR RESERVE HOLDING" (AC/281-REPORT (73)15 - POUCHED) INDICATES THAT NATO AND SHAPE HAVE CLEAR EXISTING STANDARDS, BUT THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE HAVE NOT MADE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO MEET THOSE STANDARDS ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ITEMS.

2. US MISSION PROPOSES TO CIRCULATE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL AT THE SEPTEMBER 13 EWG MEETING. BEGIN TEXT:

THE DRC STANDING SUB-GROUP REOPRT ON THE STATE AND LEVEL OF CURRENT WAR RESERVE HOLDINGS (AC/281-REPORT (73)15) PROVIDES CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR NEW COMMITMENTS TO THE WAR RESERVE STOCK CRITERIA THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY NATO AND SHAPE.

THE EWG STUDY SHOULD SEEK TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON BOTH STANDARDS AND THE TIMETABLE FOR FULFILLING THOSE STANDARDS. THE RESULT SHOULD BE AN AGREED, LOGICAL POLICY, FULLY SUPPORTED AND IMPLEMENTED.

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THE EWG MIGHT CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE DPC RECONFIRM THE FOLLOWING

- A) THAT FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVISION OF STOCKS TO COVER A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS OF COMBAT;

B) THAT MEMBER NATIONS SHOULD AGREE TO ACCEPT SHAPE  
ATTRITION AND CONSUMPTION RATES AS A BASIS OF  
MEASURING STOCKS AND TO REPORT ON THAT BASIS --  
OR TO UNDERTAKE A PRIORITY EFFORT TO RESOLVE ANY  
DISAGREEMENTS CONCERNING THOSE RATES.

IN ADDITION, THE EWG SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE OBJECTIVE OF  
ATTAINING LEVELS FOR THE MOST CRITICAL ITEMS, SUCH AS ANTI-TANK  
MUNITIONS AND MODERN AIR AMMUNITIONS (WHICH SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED  
IN THE EWG STUDY), BY END OF CALENDAR YEAR 1974, AND ALL ITEMS BY  
END OF CALENDAR YEAR 1975. END TEXT.  
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